

HISTORY 362
HISTORY OF CHINA

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Class Hours: Monday/Wednesday 2:10 - 3:25 P.M.

Office Hours: Monday 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. by appointment

Required Texts:

(All are available in paperback editions at local bookstores)

CREEL, Chinese Thought from Confucius to Mao Tse-tung
DEBARY et al, Sources of the Chinese Tradition (vol. one)
FITZGERALD, China: A Short Cultural History
HUCKEN, The Traditional Chinese State in Ming Times
LEVENSON and SCHUMANN, China: An Interpretive Anthology
LEVENSON and SCHUMANN, China in Maps

Reading Project: Fall Term

Each student is expected to select an aspect of pre-modern Chinese history for further study. Generally three or four books will be selected in consultation with the instructor. An interpretive essay dealing with the material that has been read will be due on November 27.

Examinations: Fall Term

There will be two examinations during the fall:

- a. on Monday, October 30
- b. on Wednesday, December 6

Outline of Lectures and Readings: Fall Term

Unit One

Geography of China
The Chinese language
Racial Origins of the Chinese
The Prehistorical Period
The Shang Dynasty (ca. 1751-1123 B.C.)

Required Readings:

Fitzgerald, 1-10; 13-53
Levenson and Schurmann, 1-26
DeBarry, 1-14

Recommended Readings:

Li Chi, The Beginnings of Chinese Civilization

Unit Two:

The Chou Dynasty (1123-256 B.C.)

a. Political Developments

Required Readings

Fitzgerald, 55-73

Creel, chapter 2

Levenson and Schurmann, 27-40

Recommended Readings

Hsu, Ancient China in Transition

Creel, The Origins of Statecraft in China

B. Philosophical Developments

Required Readings

Fitzgerald, 74-105

Levenson and Schurmann, 56-65

Recommended Readings

Waley, Three Ways of Thought in Ancient China

1. Confucianism

a. Confucius

Required readings

Levenson and Schurmann, 41-55

Creel, chapter three

DeBary, 15-33

Recommended Readings

Creel, Confucius and the Chinese Way

Waley, The Analects

b. Mencius

Required readings

Creel, chapter five

DeBary, 86-98

Recommended readings

Dobson, Mencius

c. Hsuntzu

Required readings

Creel, chapter seven

DeBary, 98-113

Recommended readings

Watson, Hsuntzu

Dubs, Hsun tzu

2. Taoism

Required readings

Creel, chapter 6
DeBary, 48-85

Recommended readings

Watson, Chuang tzu
Waley, The Way and its Power

3. Mohism

Required readings

Creel, chapter four
DeBary, 34-47

Recommended Readings

Watson, Mo tzu

Unit Three

Legalism and the Rise of the Ch'in Dynasty

Required Readings:

Creel, chapter eight
DeBary, 122-144
Fitzgerald, 137-157
Levenson and Schurmann, 66-78

Recommended Readings:

Bodde, China's First Unifier, As Study of the Ch'in Dynasty as seen
in the Life of Li Ssu
Watson, Han Feitzu: Basic Writings

Unit Four

The Han Dynasty (206 B.C. - 220 A.D.)

Required Readings:

Fitzgerald, 158-229
Levenson and Schurmann, 74-118
DeBary, 145-238
Creel, chapter nine

Recommended Readings:

Loewe, Everyday Life in Early Imperial China
Watson, Ssu-ma Ch'ir: Grand Historian of China
Yu, Trade and Expansion in Han China
Wiens, Han Chinese Expansion in South China

Unit Five

The Six Dynasties Period (220-589 A.D.)

A. Political Developments and the Rise of NEO-TAOISM

Required Readings:

Fitzgerald, 249-274

Levenson and Schurmann, 119-132

DeBary, 234-265

B. Buddhism Comes to China

Required Readings:

Fitzgerald, 274-290

Creel, 152-165

DeBary, 266-368

Recommended Readings:

Dien, "Yon Chih-t'ui (531-591): A Buddha-Confucian" in Wright,
Confucian Personalities

Watts, The Way of Zen

Wright, Buddhism in Chinese History

Unit Six

The Sui Dynasty (534-618)

Required Readings:

Wright, "Sui Yang-ti: Personality and Stereotype" pp. 47-76 in

Wright, The Confucian Persuasion

Wright, "The Formation of Sui Ideology", pp. 581-604 in Fairbank,
Chinese Thought and Institution

Unit Seven

The T'ong Dynasty (618-907)

Required Readings:

Fitzgerald, 293-355

DeBary, 369-382

Recommended Readings:

Fitzgerald, Sun of Heaven: A Biography of Li Shih-min

Fitzgerald, The Empress Wu

Unit Seven (Continued)

Recommended Readings:

Pulleyblank, The Background of the Rebellion of an Lu-Shram
Reischauer, Enuin's Diary
Twitcheart, Financial Administration Under the T'ang Dynasty
Waley, The Life and Times of Po Chu-i
Wang, The Structure of Power in North China During the Five Dynasties

Unit Eight

The Sung Dynasty (960-1279)

Required Readings:

Fitzgerald, 377-421
Creel, chapter ten
DeBary, 383-436; 455-502

Recommended Readings:

Genet, Daily Life in China on the Eve of the Mongol Invasion
Liv, Ou-Yang Hsiu: An Eleventh-Century Neo-Confucist
Liv, Reform in Sung China, Wang An-Shih and his New Policies
Mesbitt, Wang An-shih: Practical Reformer
Krache, Civil Service in Early Sung China

Unit Nine

The Yuan Dynasty (1270-1368)

Readings:

Fitzgerald, 422-438
Mote, "Confucian Eremitism in the Yuanperuoo," pp. 202-240 in
Wright, Confucian Persuasion
Marco Polo, The Travels

Unit Ten

The Ming Dynasty (1368-1644)

Required Readings:

Fitzgerald, 457-472
DeBary, 503-526
Hucher, The Traditional Chinese State in Ming Times

Recommended Readings:

Hucher, The Censorial System of Ming China
Mote, The Poet Kwo Ch'i (1336-1374)
Hucher, "The Tung-lin Movement of the late Ming Period" in
Chinese Thought and Institutions
Parsons, Peasant Rebellions of the Late Ming Dynasty
Hucker, Chinese Government in Ming Times: Seven Studies
DeBary, Self and Society in Ming Thought

Unit Eleven

The Ch'ing Dynasty (1644-1911) to ca. 1800

Required Readings:

Fitzgerald, 541-553
DeBary, 527-557

Recommended Readings:

Tsao, Dream of the Red Chamber
Ho, The Ladder of Success in Imperial China

CONVENTIONAL SPELLINGS OF THE WADE SYSTEM AND APPROXIMATE EQUIVALENTS

ai	= "y" as in "why."
ao	= "ow" as in "how."
an	= long "a."
ang	= very long "a," "ong" in many words.
ch	= initial "j" as in "jam."
ch'	= an emphatic initial "ch" as in "church."
ê, ên, êng	= nearly "er" or short "u" as in "flung."
en	= as in "ten."
ei	= "ey" as in Heybridge.
eh	= French "ê."
i	= "ee" as in "see."
ih	= no English equivalent, the vowel sound in the first syllable of "cheroot" is a close approximation.
o	= nearly "or."
ou	= "ô" as in "Joseph."
u	= "oo" as in "too."
ü	= French "u."
ung	= "oong."
hs	= emphatic initial "sh." ("s" in the South).
hua, huo	= "hwa," "hwo."
hui	= "whey."
j	= nearly an initial "r" ("z" in the West).
k	= initial "g."
k'	= emphatic initial "k" aspirated.
p	= initial "b".
p'	= emphatic initial "p."
sh	= as in English.
ssü	= "sir" with hissing "s."
t	= initial "d."
t'	= emphatic initial "t."
s	= "ds."
ts'	= emphatic "ts."
tz	= "dz."
tz'	= emphatic "tz."

The two very common words "tzü" and "wang" are pronounced "dzer" and "wong" respectively.

Places and Place Names

All students will be expected to learn the basic geographic features of East Asia. They will be expected to be able to identify and locate the places, mountains, rivers, etc. that are listed below.

Oceans and Seas

Yellow Sea	Pacific Ocean
East China Sea	Indian Ocean
South China Sea	Sea of Japan

Major Mountain Chains

Himalayas	Tsingling
Kunlun	Tienshan
Nam shan	

Major Rivers

Amur	Liao
Yellow (Huang I to)	Amur
Yangtzi	Si

Major Land Areas

China Proper ("the eighteen provinces")
Manchuria ("the three northeastern provinces" of Modern China)
Inner Mongolia (Chahan, Ningsia, Suiyuan provinces)
Outer Mongolia (The Peoples Republic of Mongolia)
Gobi (desert)
Sinkiang (Chinese Turkestan)
Tibet
Tarim Basin
Taiwan (Formosa)
Ryuku (Liu-ch'iu) Islands
Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia

The twenty-eight provinces of modern China:

China Proper:

Fukien	Anhui	Chekrang
Hunan	Honan	Hopei (on Chihli)
Kiangsi	Hupei	Kansu
Kwangtung	Kiangsu	Kwangsi
Shantung	Kweichow	Shansi
Yunnan	Shensi	Szechwan

Places and Place Names
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Manchuria:

Liauning

Heilungkiang

Kirin

Northern Frontier:

Ningsia

Chahar

Suiyuan

Jehol

Western Frontier:

Chinghai

Sikang

Sinkiang

Major Chinese Cities

Peking

K'ai-fung

Ch'ang-an (Sian)

Nanking

Hangchow

Shanghai

Loyang

Canton

CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR DYNASTIES AND PERIODS IN CHINESE HISTORY

The Shang (or Yin) Kingdom	ca. 1751 - ca. 1111 B.C.
The Chou Kingdom	ca. 1111 - 256 B.C.
Western Chou	ca. 1111-771
Eastern Chou	770-256
Ch'un-ch'iu	722-468
Chan-kuo	403-221
 The Ch'in Dynasty	 221-207 B.C.
 The Han Dynasty	 202 B.C. - A.D. 220
The Western (or Former) Han	202 B.C. - A.D. 9
The Hsin Dynasty	A.D. 9 - A.D. 23
The Eastern (or later) Han	25-220
 The Three Kingdoms	 220-265
Shu	221-264
Wei	220-265
Wu	222-280
 The Chin Dynasty	 265-317-420
Western Chin	265-317
Eastern Chin	317-420
 The Southern and Northern Dynasties	 420-589 A.D.
The Former (or Liu) Sung	420-479
The Southern Ch'i	470-502
The Southern Liang	502-557
The Southern Ch'en	557-589
The Northern Wei	386-535
The Eastern Wei	534-550
The Western Wei	535-556
The Northern Ch'i	555-577
The Northern Chou	557-581
The Later Liang	555-587
 The Sui Dynasty	 589-618
 The T'ang Dynasty	 618-906

Dynasties
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The Five Dynasties	907-960
Later Liang	907-923
Later T'ang	923-936
Later Chin	936-947
Later Han	947-950
Later Chui	951-960
The Liao Dynasty	907-1125
The Sung Dynasty	960-1126-1279
Northern Sung	960-1126
Southern Sung	1127-1279
The Hsi-hsia Dynasty	999-1227
The Chin Dynasty	1115-1234
The Yuan (Mongol) Dynasty	1260-1368
The Ming Dynasty	1368-1644
The Ch'ing Dynasty	1644-1911
The Republic	1912-1949
The People's Republic	1949 ----